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R. Porteriana (Wall.) Mez in Engler, Pflanzenr. Myrsinac. (1902), 358.—Malay Peninsula and Siam.

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A New Chinese Primula

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(With Plate CCLIX)

Primula ranunculoides Chen. Sp. nov.

Species affinis *P. cicutariifoliae* Pax a qua foliorum glabrorum forma, calyce fere ad basin partito, corolla multo majore divergit, a *P. erodioides* Schlechter atque *P. Merrilliana* Schlechter foliis glanduloso-punctatis aliter divisus, calyce alte fisso, corolla valde majore distinguitur.

Breviter perennis, efarinosa, rhizomate gracillimo, 7–10 cm. alta. Folia tenuiter membranacea, glabra, striato-glandulosa, dimorphica; alia, fortasse primaria, simplicia, lamina ovata circ. 1 cm. longa et lata grosse dentata, petiolo gracili 2–3 cm. longo; alia cum petiolo ad 8 cm. longa, pinnata, lobo terminali multo majore, inferioribus saepe minimis, omnibus grosse dentatis, petiolo laminam subaequante. Scapus circ. 7 cm. altus, filiformis, umbellam 2–4 florum gerens; pedicelli 2–3 cm. longi, tenues; bracteae 1–2 mm. longae, lineares. Calyx 5 mm. longus, anguste campanulatus, glaber, in lobos lineari-lanceolatos fere ad imum divisus. Corolla heteromorphica, exannulata?, albo-purpurea, infundibularis, tubo calycem fere duplo superante, limbo 1.5–2 cm. lato, lobis obcordatis paulo emarginatis. Stamina in flore brevistylis ad os attingentia. Stylus calycem subaequans. Capsula non visa.

China. Near Wuling Hsien, East Kiangsi—at Ying Nu, Tang Tung Tze Temple, on marshy ground near the pond; 27th March 1946, (*Hsiung* No. 1000) in Herb. Lu Shan and in Edinburgh.

(Mr. Feng-hwai Chen of the Lu Shan Botanical Garden, who before the war made a study of the genus in Edinburgh, has forwarded to me the above diagnosis and material of this new species. It belongs to the imperfectly known section Pinnatae which now consists of five members, each collected only once and none have been in cultivation. Mr. Chen states that the plant now described is the first record of the occurrence of the genus in Kiangsi Province. W.W.S.)



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